

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header; and
adhesively applying a wood veneer sheet to at least a portion of the lid.
2. (Canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the lid with a membrane press.
3. (Canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.

4. (Canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheet and the veneer sheet is adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

5. (Canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the exterior surfaces of the crown, pie, rim and header.

6. (Canceled) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie; and
adhesively applying wood veneer to the crown and the pie.

7. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 wherein the veneer is applied with a membrane press.

8. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 wherein the veneer is applied with a profile wrapping machine.

9. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 wherein glue is applied to the veneer and the veneer is adhered to the lid portion with the use of heat and pressure.

10. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 wherein a rim is fabricated of solid wood and is attached to the crown and pie.

11. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 wherein a rim is fabricated from a solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, and is attached to the crown and pie.

12. (Canceled) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pair of side rims;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pair of side rims; and
adhesively applying wood veneer to the crown and side rims.

13. (Canceled) The method of claim 12 wherein the veneer is applied with a membrane press.

14. (Canceled) The method of claim 12 wherein the veneer is applied with a profile wrapping machine.

15. (Canceled) The method of claim 12 wherein glue is applied to the veneer and the veneer is adhered to the crown and side rims with the use of heat and pressure.

16. (Canceled) The method of claim 12 wherein a pie and end rim is fabricated of solid wood and is attached to the crown and side rims.

17. (Canceled) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a pair of side rims, an end rim and a header;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a pair of side rims, an end rim and a header;
separating the pie and end rim from the crown and the side rims;
adhesively applying a first wood veneer sheet to the pie and end rim;
adhesively applying a second wood veneer sheet to the crown and side rims; and

attaching the veneered pie and end rim to the veneered crown and side rims.

18. (Canceled) The method of claim 17 wherein the veneer sheets are applied with a membrane press.

19. (Canceled) The method of claim 17 wherein the veneer sheets are applied with a profile wrapping machine.

20. (Canceled) The method of claim 17 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheets and the veneer sheets are adhered with the use of heat and pressure.

21. (Canceled) For a casket lid having a pie and a crown, a method of forming a miter joint from first and second sheets of veneer applied to the pie and crown, along a line of intersection of the pie and crown, comprising:

applying a first strip of masking tape to the line of intersection;

trimming the first strip of masking tape along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portion from the pie side of the line of intersection;

applying a first sheet of veneer to the pie, the sheet overlying the portion of the first strip of masking tape remaining on the crown side of the line of intersection;

applying a second strip of masking tape to the first sheet of veneer over the line of intersection;

trimming the second strip of masking tape and the first sheet of veneer along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portions from the crown side of the line of intersection by removing the portion of the first strip of masking tape remaining on the crown side of the line of intersection;

applying a second sheet of veneer on the crown, the sheet overlying the portion of the second strip of masking tape remaining on the pie side of the line of intersection; and

trimming the second sheet of veneer along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portion from the pie side of the line of intersection by removing the portion of the second strip of masking tape remaining on the pie side of the line of intersection.

22. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein the casket lid is made by a method comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie.

23. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein the casket lid is made by a method comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

24. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein the veneer sheets are applied to the lid with a membrane press.

25. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein the veneer sheets are applied to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.

26. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheets and the veneer sheets are adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

27. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein a rim is fabricated of solid wood and is attached to the crown and pie.

28. (Canceled) The method of claim 21 wherein a rim is fabricated from a solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, and is attached to the crown and pie.

29. (Canceled) A method of making a head end lid and a foot end lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling;

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a first one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

repeating the above steps to produce a second such casket lid;

positioning the first and second lids header-end-to-header end;

adhesively applying a single wood veneer sheet to the crowns of both the first and second lids; and

separating the first lid from the second lid.

30. (Canceled) The method of claim 29 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the lids with a membrane press.
31. (Canceled) The method of any of claims 1, 6, 12, 17, 21 and 29 wherein the veneer is marquetry.
32. (Canceled) The method of any of claims 1, 6, 12, 17, 21 and 29 wherein the veneer has an ink pattern applied thereto.
33. (Canceled) The method of any of claims 1, 6, 12, 17, 21 and 29 wherein the veneer is laser engraved.
34. (Canceled) The method of claim 12 wherein a pie and end rim is fabricated of solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, and is attached to the crown and side rimes.
35. (Canceled) For a casket lid having a pie and a crown, a method of forming a miter joint from first and second sheets of veneer applied to the pie and crown, along a line of intersection of the pie and crown, comprising:
- applying a first layer of masking material to the line of intersection;

trimming the first layer of masking material along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portion from the pie side of the line of intersection;

applying a first sheet of veneer to the pie, the sheet overlying the portion of the first layer of masking material remaining on the crown side of the line of intersection;

applying a second layer of masking material to the first sheet of veneer over the line of intersection;

trimming the second layer of masking material and the first sheet of veneer along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portions from the crown side of the line of intersection by removing the portion of the first layer of masking material remaining on the crown side of the line of intersection;

applying a second sheet of veneer on the crown, the sheet overlying the portion of the second layer of masking material remaining on the pie side of the line of intersection; and

trimming the second sheet of veneer along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portion from the pie side of the line of intersection by removing the portion of the second layer of masking material remaining on the pie side of the line of intersection.

36. (Canceled) The method of claim 35 wherein the casket lid is made by a method comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie.

37. (Canceled) The method of claim 35 wherein the casket lid is made by a method comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

38. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein the veneer sheets are applied to the lid with a membrane press.

39. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein the veneer sheets are applied to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.

40. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheets and the veneer sheets are adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

41. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein a rim is fabricated of solid wood and is attached to the crown and pie.

42. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein a rim is fabricated from a solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, and is attached to the crown and pie.

43. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein the wood veneer is marquetry.

44. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein the wood veneer has an ink pattern applied thereto.

45. (Canceled) The method of claim 37 wherein the wood veneer is laser engraved.

46. (Canceled) The method of claim 30 wherein the veneer sheet is applied with a profile wrapping machine.

47. (Canceled) The method of claim 30 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheet and the veneer sheet is adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

48. (Canceled) For a casket lid having a pie and a crown, a method of forming a miter joint from first and second sheets of veneer applied to the pie and crown, respectively, along a line of intersection of the pie and crown, comprising:

providing a cutting tool;

positioning the first and second sheets of veneer so that each overlaps a portion of the other;

match trimming both sheets of veneer with the cutting tool at the same time thereby producing match trimmed edges of the sheets of veneer; and

applying the sheets of veneer to the pie and crown of the casket lid, including applying the match trimmed edges of the sheets of veneer in abutting fashion to the pie and crown of the casket lid, to thereby form a miter joint.

49. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein the veneer sheets are applied with a membrane press.

50. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein the veneer sheets are applied with a profile wrapping machine.

51. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheets and the veneer sheets are adhered with the use of heat and pressure.

52. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein the wood veneer is marquetry.

53. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein the wood veneer has an ink pattern applied thereto.

54. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein the wood veneer is laser engraved.

55. (Canceled) The method of claim 48 wherein one of the first and second sheets is applied to the casket lid prior to the match trimming step.

56. (Canceled) The method of claim 55 wherein the second sheet is applied to the crown prior to the match trimming step.

57. (Canceled) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid
portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece,
unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
applying wood veneer to the crown and the pie; and
attaching a rim fabricated of solid wood to the crown and pie.

58. (Canceled) The method of claim 57 wherein the veneer is applied
to the lid with a membrane press.

59. (Canceled) The method of claim 57 wherein the veneer is applied
to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.

60. (Canceled) The method of claim 57 wherein glue is applied to the
veneer and the veneer is adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

61. (Canceled) The method of claim 57 wherein the wood veneer is
marquetry.

62. (Canceled) The method of claim 57 wherein the wood veneer has an ink pattern applied thereto.

63. (Canceled) The method of claim 57 wherein the wood veneer is laser engraved.

64. (Canceled) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
applying wood veneer to the crown and the pie; and
attaching a rim fabricated from a solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, to the crown and pie.

65. (Canceled) The method of claim 64 wherein the veneer is applied to the lid with a membrane press.

66. (Canceled) The method of claim 64 wherein the veneer is applied to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.

67. (Canceled) The method of claim 64 wherein glue is applied to the veneer and the veneer is adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

68. (Canceled) The method of claim 64 wherein the wood veneer is marquetry.

69. (Canceled) The method of claim 64 wherein the wood veneer has an ink pattern applied thereto.

70. (Canceled) The method of claim 64 wherein the wood veneer is laser engraved.

71. (New) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece,
unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie; and
adhering wood veneer to the crown and the pie.

72. (NEW) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid
portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece,
unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie; and
securing wood veneer to the crown and the pie.

73. (NEW) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid
portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece,
unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie; and
affixing wood veneer to the crown and the pie.

74. (NEW) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid
portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling;
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece,
unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie; and
attaching wood veneer to the crown and the pie.

75. (New) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid
portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling; and
adhering wood veneer to the crown and the pie thereby producing a
one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie with wood veneer
adhered thereto.

76. (NEW) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid
portion having a crown and a pie;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling; and
securing wood veneer to the crown and the pie thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie with wood veneer secured thereto.

77. (NEW) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling; and
affixing wood veneer to the crown and the pie thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie with wood veneer affixed thereto.

78. (NEW) A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling; and

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attaching wood veneer to the crown and the pie thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie with wood veneer attached thereto.